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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6260

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA

REF: VIENTIANE 5908

1. DR. KLIKS, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. KLIKS, RETURNED TO VIENTIANE AUGUST 9 AND DEPARTED AUGUST 12. HE FOUND SOUVANNA TO BE MAKING GOOD STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD RECOVERY. NONE OF THE COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A MASSIVE ATTACK, INCLUDING SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE, HAS YET OCCURED. SOUVANNA HAS BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOWED THE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES PRESCRIBED BY THE MEDICAL TEAM WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. SOUVANNA'S GOOD PROGRESS TO DATE HAS LED TO A TYPICALLY LAO REACTION OF OVER-OPTIMISM AND WISHFUL THINKING. DR. KLIKS WAS ASKED, IF SOUVANNA WAS DOING  
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SO WELL, WHY COULDN'T HE CONVALESCE IN VIENTIANE AND

IF HE HAD TO GO TO FRANCE, WHY COULDN'T HE STAY JUST A MONTH. KLIKS PRICKED THIS BUBBLE BY REMINDING THEM THAT: THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP HAD STATED THAT SOUVANNA MUST CONVALESCENCE OUTSIDE OF LAOS; THAT AS GOOD AS HIS PROGRESS HAS BEEN, HE REMAINS A SICK MAN; THAT A TWO MONTH CONVALESCENCE WAS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED.

3. SOUVANNA IS NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR FRANCE AUGUST 25 ON A FRENCH AIR FORCE PLANE ACCOMPANIED BY PRINCE MANGKHALA AND PRINCESS MOUNE.  
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